U.S. Department of Justice



United States Attorney
District of New Hampshire

Federal Building 55 Pleasant Street, Room 312 Concord, New Hampshire 03301 603/225-1552

MEDIA RELEASE For Immediate Release April 12, 2005 Thomas P. Colantuono United States Attorney

Contact: Joseph N. Laplante

First Assistant U.S. Attorney

(603) 225-1562 x 230

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA ("HIDTA") TASK FORCE

NASHUA "ECSTACY" TRAFFICKER CONVICTED OF FEDERAL DISTRIBUTION CHARGES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and DEA Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey announced that **Troy COLLINGE**, 33, of Nashua, NH was convicted today of "ecstacy" distribution charges.

COLLINGE entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Court Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr. to an information charging him with possession with intent to distribute over hundreds of MDMA pills, also known as "ecstacy," in Nashua in March of 2004. Under a plea agreement between COLLINGE and the United States Attorney's Office, COLLINGE faces a 16-month period of imprisonment. Collinge also forfeited the equity value of his Nashua residence on Lockness Dr., \$50,000.00, in settlement of a civil forfeiture case for his utilizing the residence in furtherance of his drug distribution activities.

Judge DiClerico detained Collinge without bail pending his July 7, 2005 sentencing hearing in U.S. District Court in Concord.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "This Office is committed to aggressively prosecuting traffickers in cocaine, heroin, and marijuana, and those who profit form the illegal trade in so-called "designer" or "club" drugs such as ecstacy. The Southern New Hampshire HIDTA Task Force conducted a thorough and aggressive investigation in this case."

The conviction resulted from a Southern New Hampshire HIDTA Task Force, located at DEA's New Hampshire headquarters. The prosecution is being handled by First Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("New England OCDETF").